

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-17 are currently pending in this application.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because the status of the copending application was omitted. The specification has been amended to add the status accordingly. The withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 12-17 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,760. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

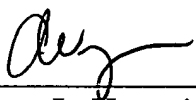
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 12 - 17, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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